

# Press Release

## Montana Health Network Improvement Grant Awarded to PMC

*Big Timber, MT, March 31, 2017:* Montana Health Network has awarded Pioneer Medical Center's Dietary Department a \$8,951.00 grant to create a "Grab and Go" station inside the PMC Cafeteria. Equipment for the station will include a refrigerated merchandiser, tabletop salad bar with ice blocks, point of sale system, and bar code reader. This grant will allow the dietary department to expand convenient and healthy food options to PMC employees and guests.

The Montana Health Network Improvement Grant, provided by Rural Health Development, Inc. is designed to provide additional funding for hospitals in central and eastern Montana for capital purchases, quality improvements and for creating cost savings and operational efficiencies.

*PMC Dietary Manager, Kelsey Proue explains "PMC's last two Nutrition Services surveys identified a demand for "Grab and Go" food options to better serve our employees and guests. The grant funding will allow us to purchase equipment that will make healthy, nutritious food choices convenient. Employees will eventually be able to purchase food with the swipe of their badge and have it automatically deducted from their paycheck. Debit and credit cards will also be accepted."*

The dietary department has been working hard to offer expanded services and payment options to employees and guests. The Montana Health Network Improvement grant has allowed this project to develop and move forward.

